

ARSENAL LAND TO BE LEASED

Because of the shutdown in production at the Joliet arsenal, located 10 miles south of Joliet, the government is offering 2,703 acres of land for lease to farmers of this region, C. C. Burns, project manager at the arsenal, announced today.

The land to be leased includes 1,705 acres of hay land, 835 acres of crop land, and 263 acres of pasture land. Forms on which offers may be submitted have been sent to farmers and property owners in the vicinity of the arsenal, and others may be obtained from Burns.

THE BIDS will be opened for inspection at 2 o'clock in the afternoon of Feb 28 in the arsenal headquarters building, Burns said.

Most of the land to be offered for lease is on the area formerly known as the Elwood Ordnance plant. It includes a total of 2,420 acres, made up of 1,750 acres of hay land and 715 acres of crop land. The remainder of the land offered for lease is located in the former Kankakee Ordnance works reservation.

The land, Burns said, includes some which has not been touched since it's purchase by the government in 1940 and 1941, as well as some tracts that were farmed under previous leases and property which heretofore has been uncultivated.

HAY LAND offered for lease at the former EOP reservation includes tracts of 1,154 acres, 149 acres, 107 acres, 93 acres, 90

acres, 57 acres, and 55 acres. The crop land offered for lease at the same reservation includes tracts of 230 acres, 223 acres, 113 acres, 76 acres and 73 acres.

On the former Kankakee Ordnance works reservation, land to be offered for lease includes 263 acres of pasture land, in tracts of 143 and 120 acres and 120 acres of crop land.

Bid forms may be obtained from Burns at Room 257 of the Joliet arsenal headquarters building.